

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the Specification to indicate that the instant application is a divisional application of co-pending United States application serial no. 09/094,964. This amendment is made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.115. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the amendment be entered.

With this amendment Claims 7-9 are pending. The claims have been amended, without prejudice, for the purpose of more clearly defining what Applicants regard as the invention.

Claims 1-6 have been canceled, without prejudice, by the accompanying Preliminary Amendment. Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of the canceled claims in one or more timely filed divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part applications.

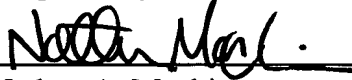
CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment and remarks, the subject application is believed to be in good and proper order for allowance. Early notification to this effect is earnestly solicited.

No fee is believed due in connection with this submission. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fee or credit any overpayment to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

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